(*a*) of the higher grade teachers in the Education Department, how many are Christians and how many are Latins; and

(*b*) how many Latin Christian graduates have applied for posts in the Education Department for the last three years and how many have been appointed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) What the member means by "higher grade teachers" is not clear; but from part (*b*) it is inferred that the information required is about graduates. There are 114 Christains on the graduate scale of pay and of them 8 are Latins.

(*b*) 16 and 1 respectively.

Rabid dogs.

273. ✻**MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of cases of mad dog bites reported in Travancore this year (1109) up to 15-3-1109;

(*b*) the number of such cases in the Chirayinkil taluk during the same period;

(*c*) how (*a*) and (*b*) compare with the figures for the corresponding period last year (1108): and

(*d*) the provision made for treating such cases and the preventive steps, if any, taken?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 251.

(*b*) 20.

(*c*) 113·2 per cent. and 80 per cent. of the figures for the last year for the same period in the State and in the Chirayinkil taluk respectively;

(*d*) Arrangements have been made to treat rabid dog-bite cases in the General Hospital by a doctor who has had special training at the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor. The Municipalities in the State have been directed to take measures for the destruction of stray dogs and to introduce a system of licensing of dogs within municipal limits and it is reported that action is being taken by them.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know, Sir, what preventive steps are taken so far as the mofussil parts are concerned?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Nothing special.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the question?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Confirmation and promotion in the Registration Department.

274. ✻**MR. ANTONY GEORGE** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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